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# The Baptist Record

"THY KINGDOM COME"

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## Five Baptist Churches Cited At State College Farm, Home Week

Ten Mississippi churches, half of them Baptist, received certificates for outstanding community service at Miss. State College as a highlight of the Fifth Annual Church and Community Conference held during Farm and Home Week.

Certificates were presented to representative of the churches by the Rev. Harold A. Wolff, pastor of the Starkville Lutheran Church and president of the Mississippi Christian Community Fellowship.

Churches given the citation were Crawford Methodist of Crawford, Egypt Methodist of Egypt, Houlka Baptist of Houlka, Lewisburg Methodist of Olive Branch, Mount Horeb Baptist of Collins, Neshoba Baptist of Neshoba, Salem Methodist of Macon, Spring Hill Baptist of Oakland, Union Methodist of Plantersville, and Zion Baptist of Pontotoc.

This was the fourth year of the church recognition program which had previously recognized 26 Mississippi churches.

The citation stated that "the church raises the quality of the life in the community. Its influence extends to the whole community. It leads in spiritual mat-

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## OVER 6000 FOUR STAR CHURCHES IN SBC

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Of the 28,865 Southern Baptist churches 6,127 can be classified as four star churches, or churches having a Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood.

Of the 5,323 city churches 2,768 are four star churches. There are 1,220 four star open country churches; 1,170 of the 3,806 town churches are four star; and 724 village churches out of the 4,934 village churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are four star churches.

Texas has 1,416 four star churches; Alabama, 292; Arizona, 39; Arkansas, 218; California, 165; District of Columbia, 23; Florida, 306; Georgia, 537; Illinois, 148; Kansas, 26; Kentucky, 182; Louisiana, 457; Maryland, 17; Mississippi, 336; Missouri, 443; New Mexico, 91; North Carolina, 313; Oklahoma, 381; Oregon, 9; South Carolina, 313; Tennessee, 332; Virginia, 74; Washington, 7; and Alaska, 2.

## Observing The Ordinance of Baptism

DR. SAM C. REEVES,  
Pastor First Baptist Church  
El Dorado, Arkansas

Southern Baptists have done right well in respect to the New Testament doctrine of baptism, so well in fact that our doctrinal position and practice have won for us one of our five great distinctives. The proper observance of Christian baptism certainly begins with a proper interpretation of the ordinance that does no violence to the whole law of the New Testament.

Christian baptism is the immersion and emersion in water, of a regenerated believer in Christ, into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, by performance of a New Testament Church, for the purposes of enabling the candidate to satisfy the command and example of his Lord symbolizing the effects of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ in the life of the believer, and securing for him fellowship in a New Testament Church.

### Discussion

Southern Baptists are in the business of baptizing Christians. We do not baptize to evangelize; we baptize to symbolize. We do not baptize to obtain; we baptize to obey. We do not baptize to procure, we baptize to proclaim. We are not finding Christ when we baptize; we are following Christ. Christian baptism is not the last

step in an old life; it is one of the first steps in a new life. With Baptists it is not a matter of baptismal regeneration but a matter of baptizing the generations. Neither have we won our distinctiveness by insistence that the candidate receive baptism as a believer. To stop here is to share honored ground with numerous denominational groups. Baptists have won their distinctiveness by believing that Christian baptism derives its sanctions from the example and injunctions of our Lord Christ and that the act must do no violence ever to the

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## Pastor's Salary Averages \$2,498

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Southern Baptists pay their pastors an average salary of \$2,498 per year, according to J. P. Edmunds, secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. In 1951 the average salary was \$2,340, an increase of 5.3 per cent.

Half time pastors were paid an average of \$550 and quarter time pastors \$232.

The District of Columbia leads the Southern Baptist Convention churches with \$3,273 per year, an increase of 14.3 per cent over 1951.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

July 31 will be the last day of the third-quarter period of this Convention year and the record of the mission gifts of all the churches for this period — Nov. 1-July 31 — will be published in the Baptist Record in August.

All churches are urged to send in by that date all mission monies on hand so that as good record as possible can be shown for every church.

In view of the increased goal for the Cooperative Program for this year it is hoped that July can show a good gain in this respect.

## Deadline Nears

The date for the closing of the letter contest on "Why I Like My Pastor" is rapidly approaching. However, the interest seems to increase as the letters continue to arrive in every mail.

That no one be disqualified because of lateness, attention is called to the fact that no article will be considered if postmarked later than 12 midnight, July 31.

Several have asked if their articles will be published. Only the winning articles will be published. There are too many. One a week would require years. There are eight prizes offered for the best article on "Why I Like My Pastor." First, second, and third prizes and the next best five will be awarded prizes. First prize winner will receive \$2, the second \$10, and third \$5.

## Truly Our Greatest Challenge We Can—We Must—We Will

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

First of a Series of Three  
Mississippi Baptists, in accepting the new increased goal of \$1,200,000 for the Cooperative Program for 1953, as suggested by the Executive Committee, are facing perhaps the greatest challenge in their long and eventful history.

As a great body of Christians, Mississippi Baptists, 107,000 in number, banded together in 1700 sovereign churches, we can — we must — we will — succeed in this undertaking.

In three articles we want to discuss this challenge. This week we want to emphasize the "can," next week the "must" and the third week the "will".

Yes, we can give \$1,200,000 for world missions in 1953 through the Cooperative Program!

We gave \$1,039,743.46 last convention year, which means it will be necessary to give \$160,256.54 more, or a percentage increase of 15.42 to reach our goal of \$1,200,000.

We have given the first eight months of this Convention year, ending June 30, \$759,476.70, or an average of \$94,934.58 per month.

An average of \$110,130.83 per month for the four months of July, August, September and October will reach our goal.

Can we do it? Yes. Emphatically.

ly. Mississippi Baptists are well able to do it.

Our people with all their means, influence, spirituality and facilities, can do it easily. There is no question as to our ability.

How can we do it?

By following God's Plan of financing His Kingdom — through tithes and offerings, with increased amounts being channeled for mission causes.

By enlisting those 428 churches that have not given anything thus far this year to make a contribution to the Cooperative Program.

By enlisting those several hundred churches that have made one or two contributions this year to become regular monthly contributors.

By enlisting many churches that are giving regularly now to increase their contributions to the Cooperative Program.

By encouraging those churches that are giving stated amounts monthly to adopt the Percentage Plan of Cooperative Program giving.

By encouraging all churches with Cooperative Program funds on hand to send their remittances promptly.

Finally, we can succeed by continuing, even accelerating, our emphasis on world missions through a program of information, education, stewardship and promotion.

Yes, we can reach our goal of \$1,200,000.

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## Sept. 30 Last Day For Widows' Plan Applications

Sept. 30 is the last day on which applications for the Widows' Supplemental Annuity Plan can be received in the state office, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

A large number of applications for this Plan have come in since July 1 and others continue to come in.

All applications must be dated July 1 and dues paid as of that date.

The penalty for failure to join the plan earlier has been waived for the present time and those joining now will be free of this penalty.

This penalty waiver may never be applied again, however, it has been pointed out.

Those joining the Widows' Plan must already be members of the Ministers' Retirement Plan or join both Plans at the same time, as many have done.

Those wishing to join the Widows' Plan are urged to get their applications in now.



CLIFFORD HOLCOMB

Church music leaders from every section of the state will attend the annual Church Music Leadership School to be held at Mississippi College Aug. 3-7.

Those attending will be church ministers of music, song leaders, pianists, organists, choir members and pastors as well as association music leaders.

W. C. Morgan, secretary Music Department, State Convention Board, Jackson, will direct the

week's activities.  
An outstanding faculty has been secured, including Dr. Mine Shms, secretary, Department Church Music, Sunday School Board, Nashville and Clifford Holcomb, State Convention; Eugene Quinn, State Secretary of Church Music, Carbondale, Illinois; Miss Zula E. Coon, Miss. College Music Faculty; Prof. Walter Duda, Music Dept. Miss. College; Mrs. Dwight Phillips, organist and director of Children's Choirs, Texarkana, Texas; Mrs. Clifford Holcomb, Nashville; Mrs. Harmon Alley, Jackson; Mrs. B. H. Kenne, Teacher of Organ and Piano, Jackson; and Mrs. Gee Jenkins, Teacher of Theory, New Orleans Seminary.

Room assignments will begin at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Clinton Church with the first session scheduled for four o'clock in the church.

Sessions will be held daily through Friday at 8 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Every phase of sacred music will be dealt with during the school. The closing feature will be a mass choir concert Friday evening at 7:30 under direction of Dr. Sims.

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Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, see, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believest with a little heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they both went down into the water; both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Acts 8:35-38. This pastor quoted these scriptures as he led the candidate into position to be baptized. The scriptures afford opportunities for many variations for those pastors who employ this means of setting forth what Christian baptism involves. The most favorite passage quoted is taken from the memorable scene of our Lord's baptism. It requires practice to master this art, but the results do much to add beauty and meaning to the act each time it is portrayed.

But we are not limited to scripture in supplying this ministry of interpretation. We need to speak a few choice summary statements of our own with right timing and designed to convey our Baptist position regarding baptism. Such statements as "The only fit candidate to be baptized is a saved individual" and "We are not baptizing these candidates in order that they might be saved, but because they are already saved," we can say that baptism is a means of confessing Christ. "The symbolism of burial to all that is shoddy and evil and glorious resurrection to new life in Christ — this is the drama of baptism which should command with holy inspiration the candidate's whole mind and heart". (Brown, *And Be Ye Baptized*, p. 23.)

Our beloved Dr. George W. Truett won for himself an enviable position just here by bringing to each candidate's baptism an individual touch. This called for thought and study and concern, but it kept the memorial personal and

beautiful for the candidate and kept the attention of the audience as it was performed time and time again before their presence.

We miss the services of a great servant in baptizing if we fail to make use of suitable music. But its proper use does not come without careful study and conferences with all who share in the service. Suitable hymns should have proper timing and volume. Instrumental music is much more effective when carefully coordinated with each successive step in the baptismal procedure.

Modern lighting effects are coming into wider usage in our churches today and that is as it should be. Many churches are giving careful study to the use of rheostat controls of lighting effects and competent advice on balanced lighting over the baptistry, especially directed lighting which spots the candidate.

Order and dignity in the observance of baptism are virtually impossible without the assistance of a carefully selected and well trained baptismal committee. These servants deserve honor on a par with any other committee. The personnel of this committee should always include those who are sympathetic and understanding and tactful in the performance of their duties. What goes on backstage is a determining factor in a smoothly functioning service, out front. These servants should not only be well trained and coached in their respective assignments, but should be checked on from time to time to see if a weak link exists anywhere in the entire process, including every single phase of the completed act.

There is an old practice fast fading out of the picture in our Baptist life. I refer to the practice of having the newly baptized candidates reassemble before the congregation to receive the right hand of church membership. This beautiful old gesture seemingly does not fit into the schedule of our busy programs today, but we must admit that we are losing out on an emphasis that ought never be divorced from the baptismal act; namely that Christian baptism is initiatory for full fellowship in a New Testament church. We miss the mark when we fail to teach that baptism is the beginning and not the end of a dedication to satisfy the Will of our Lord, and baptism must always point with an inspired finger to the church that our Lord loved and gave Himself for. For this reason I am suggesting that, as a possible substitute, we do not forsake the newly baptized candidates to their dressing rooms following the service. We often miss out on one of the most opportune moments in the life of the candidate when we fail to meet him with some greeting in these earliest, first moments following his actual entrance into the holiest society on earth, membership in the family of the redeemed in Christ, relationship with those who make up New Testament churches by the Will and Grace of our Lord Christ. The pastor himself should make every effort to greet them as they emerge from their dressing rooms. Members of the committee

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**ANTIOCH REVIVAL FOLLOWS VBS**

Antioch Church, Lawrence Association, held its summer revival July 12-17. Rev. Roe Wilson, pastor at Summit, was the visiting preacher. Rev. Landreth Murphree, pastor at Union Church and at Big Springs Church in Lincoln county, led the singing. Arnold Simmons, educational director at Summit, helped with the special music.

With the exception of one, all who came on profession of faith had been enrolled in the Vacation Bible School held the week before the revival.

According to the pastor, Rev. Burt E. Lewis, attendance was unusually good. He says that several people returned to the church after an absence of 20 years and some after 50 years' absence.

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**Mr. and Mrs. William R. Davis**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have returned to the States on furlough and may be addressed at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. Both are natives of Mississippi and make their permanent American home in Hattiesburg.

**Five Baptist Churches**

(Continued from Page One) ters, and through programs of community service, it affects economic and social life."

Churches recognized show gains in membership during the current year, gains in Sunday School attendance, prayer meetings and a Vacation Bible School. Each Church subscribed or oversubscribed its budget for the year, and cooperated with other community agencies and institutions in promoting a program of community betterment.

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**EBENEZER HOMECOMING PRECEDES REVIVAL**

Ebenezer Church in Amite County plants to have a Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 26. There will be a morning and an afternoon service, with lunch served at the church.

Rev. E. L. Howell of Centerville will assist the pastor Rev. H. J. McCool, in these services and in the revival through the following week.



The little girl I found covered with maggots and nearly starved on a street in Seoul last week is there again today. She is in the same cramped position, lying on her side in the street. But this time she is dead." So reports 1st Lt. Charles Vogel in a U.P. dispatch. He states that she was taken into an orphanage but there wasn't room for her and, "Then they turned her out from the orphanage." He goes on to explain that when he first saw her, "Of course she wasn't dead then. She could brush off some of the flies with one hand. She could do nothing about the maggots. Her chances weren't good but it seems to me she could have been saved if anybody had wanted to save her."

We do not know what orphanage refused to keep this child. We are glad it was not a Christian Children's Fund orphanage. But before anybody condemns whatever orphanage it was, let's face stern, cruel facts. They reduce down to just one hard fact. If you haven't the room and if you haven't the money to make the room, if you haven't the food

You can "adopt" a child in any one of these countries for ten dollars a month and the child's name, address, picture and case history will be furnished. Correspondence with your child is invited—Smaller gifts are equally welcome—God sees not the coin but the heart that gives it.

For information write to:

Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke

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**Why Go To College**

From the beginning of time, young people have had choices and decisions to make—the choice of a life-companion, the choice of a vocation, and the most important decision of all, the choice of being for or against Jesus Christ and right.

One decision that must be made is whether or not to go to college. In recent years this question has become more and more important to the younger generation.

In an age of educated people, it becomes imperative for young people to seek higher education if they are to find their place in the world of tomorrow. The leaders of tomorrow must be Christian leaders if Communism is to be defeated. Therefore, it is highly important that Christian young people go to college to prepare themselves for leadership. Their lives are a "trust from God." In honor to Him they should strive to develop their total personalities—physical, mental, social and spiritual.

"Church and College," William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, has printed six excellent reasons for attending college:

**1. By far and large the men and women who attain the greatest degree of success are those who secured a college education.**

**2. The surest way to a place of leadership is by college training . . . A college education trains one to think, to discover the main issues, to reach correct conclusions.**

**3. It will increase one's earning capacity as a rule.**

**4. An education in a Christian college usually results in the development of Christian character. The secret of noble character is the cultivation of noble thought.**

**5. One with a college education has resources for real happiness in his own life. He has learned to appreciate the best things.**

**6. Education furnishes the young man or woman the finest preparation for service."**

Certainly a Christian student should go to a Christian college. It follows then that a Baptist student should go to a Baptist college. Any competent young person may go to college today if he really desires to do so. Many are saying that Baptist colleges "cost too much," "do not offer the courses they want," or that "there are better service and buildings elsewhere." They just have not studied the situation carefully enough.

For their cost our Baptist schools offer as much as any school anywhere. Most of them offer a wide variety of courses.



The advantage of Baptist influence on the Baptist student is highly desirable. In Baptist colleges Baptist students will learn to know more about their denomination, will find Christian friends and possibly a life-partner who are "of the same mind."

Because of separation of church and state, we are wholly dependent on denominational schools for the Christian interpretation of literature, sciences, and other subjects, and for the interpretation of the Bible itself.

Of course, other schools are respected and all Baptists are not expected to attend Baptist colleges. But the wise choice for Baptists is a Baptist college.

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**Send Your Pastor**

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance met a few days ago to make preliminary plans for the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1955. That will be two years from now.

We mention this because time flies so swiftly. We also mention it in order to remind our churches that it will pay them to send their pastors to this greatest of Baptist meetings.

It will cost some more than it does to send him to the Southern Baptist Convention but it will also pay large dividends on the small amount expended.

Any pastor who attends the Baptist World Alliance will come back with a larger vision of the worldwide work of Baptists.

There they will meet with Baptists from all over the world, and will be thrilled at the stories of

sacrifice and determination as told by our brothers and sisters from far-flung lands, many of them with scars of persecution.

Travel is cheaper today than ever before, everything considered.

The matter should be brought before the church or the Budget Committee in ample time to let the pastor know that the church plans for him to go. It will then give him time to get ready. And getting ready is no small matter. We remember our trip to Europe to the World Alliance in 1947. There are passports to secure, visas to obtain, and transportation to be arranged for. All of this takes time.

In order to make it easier, some churches plan to provide half of the money needed in their 1954 budget and the other half in their 1955 budget. That is one of the reasons we now call this to the attention of the churches.

Naturally, your pastor is not going to mention it, but we are glad to do it for him. The church is not giving him something, but the church is investing something.

Do the gracious thing for yourself, for your church, and for your pastor.

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**Our Readers Write****THE CHALLENGE OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

By S. J. Rhodes, First Baptist Church  
Sondheimer, Louisiana

I have just returned from Bremerton, Washington where it was my privilege to participate in a Convention-wide Evangelistic Campaign sponsored by the Home Mission Board, and the General Baptist Convention of Oregon-Washington.

Baptist work in this section is weak,

but is rapidly growing stronger, and the churches are becoming more numerous almost each month. The 53 churches reported a total membership of 5067 which was an increase of 596 over the previous year. There are more churches now, for there were 70 in this campaign, and a district missionary told me that in 24 months 23 new churches have been organized. Most of the churches are small, and many large towns and cities have no Baptist work. In Bremerton where I was, a city of 40,000 they have two Southern Baptist churches with less than 100 members. The association has three churches, and all three have about 200 members.

The church where I worked, the Kitsap Lake Baptist Church, is a new church in a section of the city where live 15,000 people, and the church has about 35 members. The pastor works in the Navy yard five days in the week, and is doing a good job of leading and developing the church in the time he has. They have been organized about four months, and started out with seven members. They worship in a rented community house. Most of the members have moved from the South, and desire a Southern Baptist program.

The other church in the city has about 50 members, and worships in a theatre building. With the help of friends and the Home Mission Board they have a full time, well trained pastor.

A movement is on foot to establish a training center in a building adjacent to the University of Washington at Seattle, where Baptist students may be taught Bible and religious subjects if they so desire. The administration of the University favors the program in spite of the fact that the National Council of Churches put up a hard fight to block it. The Convention forces are raising money to purchase the building, and it seems that it is going to become a reality.

Many pastors in both Oregon and Washington have to work at secular work to have something to live on while they are building churches, and it may be that this will have to be the rule for some years to come. But the great need right now is for God called preachers who are willing to go there, work, pray, and minister to the needs of the people as best they can, and grow up with the whole program. A layman told me that he wants to see a good preacher come now, who will be interested in opening up a new field in Bremerton, and he will give him secular work to do. He is in the Electrical Appliance business.

Dr. R. E. Milam is the Executive Secretary, and he and his helpers are doing a great work. They can also use money, if any one would like to make a special contribution to the work. Some large church might pay the salary of a pastor. Baptist Headquarters are located at Portland, Oregon.

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DR. CHESTER SWOR

Chester Swor will lead the Spiritual Emphasis Week at Calvary Church, Jackson, July 27 to August 2. Music will be under the direction of Dr. Swor's assistant, Robert Rapp.

Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, see, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they both went down into the water; both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Acts 8:35-38. This pastor quoted these scriptures as he led the candidate into position to be baptized. The scriptures afford opportunities for many variations for those pastors who employ this means of setting forth what Christian baptism involves. The most favorite passage quoted is taken from the memorable scene of our Lord's baptism. It requires practice to master this art, but the results do much to add beauty and meaning to the act each time it is portrayed.

But we are not limited to scripture in supplying this ministry of interpretation. We need to speak a few choice summary statements of our own with right timing and designed to convey our Baptist position regarding baptism. Such statements as "The only fit candidate to be baptized is a saved individual" and "We are not baptizing these candidates in order that they might be saved, but because they are already saved," we can say that baptism is a means of confessing Christ. "The symbolism of burial to all that is shoddy and evil and glorious resurrection to new life in Christ — this is the drama of baptism which should command with holy inspiration the candidate's whole mind and heart". (Brown, *And Be Ye Baptized*, p. 23.)

Our beloved Dr. George W. Truett won for himself an enviable position just here by bringing to each candidate's baptism an individual touch. This called for thought and study and concern, but it kept the memorial personal and

beautiful for the candidate and kept the attention of the audience as it was performed time and time again before their presence.

We miss the services of a great servant in baptizing if we fail to make use of suitable music. But its proper use does not come without careful study and conferences with all who share in the service. Suitable hymns should have proper timing and volume. Instrumental music is much more effective when carefully coordinated with each successive step in the baptismal procedure.

Modern lighting effects are coming into wider usage in our churches today and that is as it should be. Many churches are giving careful study to the use of rheostat controls of lighting effects and competent advice on balanced lighting over the baptistry, especially directed lighting which spots the candidate.

Order and dignity in the observance of baptism are virtually impossible without the assistance of a carefully selected and well trained baptismal committee. These servants deserve honor on a par with any other committee. The personnel of this committee should always include those who are sympathetic and understanding and tactful in the performance of their duties. What goes on backstage is a determining factor in a smoothly functioning service, out front. These servants should not only be well trained and coached in their respective assignments, but should be checked on from time to time to see if a weak link exists anywhere in the entire process, including every single phase of the completed act.

There is an old practice fast fading out of the picture in our Baptist life. I refer to the practice of having the newly baptized candidates reassemble before the congregation to receive the right hand of church membership. This beautiful old gesture seemingly does not fit into the schedule of our busy programs today, but we must admit that we are losing out on an emphasis that ought never be divorced from the baptismal act; namely that Christian baptism is initiatory for full fellowship in a New Testament church. We miss the mark when we fail to teach that baptism is the beginning and not the end of a dedication to satisfy the Will of our Lord, and baptism must always point with an inspired finger to the church that our Lord loved and gave Himself for. For this reason I am suggesting that, as a possible substitute, we do not forsake the newly baptized candidates to their dressing rooms following the service. We often miss out on one of the most opportune moments in the life of the candidate when we fail to meet him with some greeting in these earliest, first moments following his actual entrance into the holiest society on earth, membership in the family of the redeemed in Christ, relationship with those who make up New Testament churches by the Will and Grace of our Lord Christ. The pastor himself should make every effort to greet them as they emerge from their dressing rooms. Members of the commit-

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## ANTIOCH REVIVAL FOLLOWS VBS

Antioch Church, Lawrence Association, held its summer revival July 12-17. Rev. Roe Wilson, pastor at Summit, was the visiting preacher. Rev. Landreth Murphree, pastor at Union Church and at Big Springs Church in Lincoln county, led the singing. Arnold Simmons, educational director at Summit, helped with the special music.

With the exception of one, all who came on profession of faith had been enrolled in the Vacation Bible School held the week before the revival.

According to the pastor, Rev. Bert E. Lewis, attendance was unusually good. He says that several people returned to the church after an absence of 20 years and some after 50 years' absence.

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Mr. and Mrs. William R. Davis, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have returned to the States on furlough and may be addressed at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. Both are natives of Mississippi and make their permanent American home in Hattiesburg.

## FIVE BAPTIST CHURCHES

(Continued from Page One) ters, and through programs of community service, it affects economic and social life."

Churches recognized show gains in membership during the current year, gains in Sunday School attendance, prayer meetings and a Vacation Bible School. Each Church subscribed or over-subscribed its budget for the year, and cooperated with other community agencies and institutions in promoting a program of community betterment.

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## EBENEZER HOMECOMING PRECEDES REVIVAL

Ebenezer Church in Amite County plants to have a Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 26. There will be a morning and an afternoon service, with lunch served at the church.

Rev. E. L. Howell of Centerville will assist the pastor Rev. H. J. McCool, in these services and in the revival through the following week.



**YOU could have  
SAVED  
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girl!**

"The little girl I found covered with maggots and nearly starved on a street in Seoul last week is there again today. She is in the same cramped position, lying on her side in the street. But this time she is dead." So reports 1st Lt. Charles Vogel in a U.P. dispatch. He states that she was taken into an orphanage but there wasn't room for her and, "Then they turned her out from the orphanage." He goes on to explain that when he first saw her, "Of course she wasn't dead then. She could brush off some of the flies with one hand. She could do nothing about the maggots. Her chances weren't good but it seems to me she could have been saved if anybody had wanted to save her."

We do not know what orphanage refused to keep this child. We are glad it was not a Christian Children's Fund orphanage. But before anybody condemns whatever orphanage it was, let's face stern, cruel facts. They reduce down to just one hard fact. If you haven't the room and if you haven't the money to make the room, if you haven't the food

and if you haven't the money to buy the food — then you are helpless and have got to let the maggots finish the job for a homeless, friendless, sick child.

The little girl's life could have been saved — just as many other children have been saved — by being cared for in a Christian Children's Fund orphanage. In addition to the 5,000 children in 30 CCF Korean orphanages, Christian Children's Fund assists children in orphanages in the following countries: Borneo, Brazil, Burma, Finland, Formosa, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lapland, Lebanon, Malaya, Mexico, Okinawa, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, United States and Western Germany.

You can "adopt" a child in any one of these countries for ten dollars a month and the child's name, address, picture and case history will be furnished. Correspondence with your child is invited — Smaller gifts are equally welcome — God sees not the coin but the heart that gives it.

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**Why Go To College**

From the beginning of time, young people have had choices and decisions to make—the choice of a life-companion, the choice of a vocation, and the most important decision of all, the choice of being for or against Jesus Christ and right.

One decision that must be made is whether or not to go to college. In recent years this question has become more and more important to the younger generation.

In an age of educated people, it becomes imperative for young people to seek higher education if they are to find their place in the world of tomorrow. The leaders of tomorrow must be Christian leaders if Communism is to be defeated. Therefore, it is highly important that Christian young people go to college to prepare themselves for leadership. Their lives are a "trust from God." In honor to Him they should strive to develop their total personalities—physical, mental, social and spiritual.

"Church and College," William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, has printed six excellent reasons for attending college:

**1. By far and large the men and women who attain the greatest degree of success are those who secured a college education.**

**2. The surest way to a place of leadership is by college training . . . A college education trains one to think, to discover the main issues, to reach correct conclusions.**

**3. It will increase one's earning capacity as a rule.**

**4. An education in a Christian college usually results in the development of Christian character. The secret of noble character is the cultivation of noble thought.**

**5. One with a college education has resources for real happiness in his own life. He has learned to appreciate the best things.**

**6. Education furnishes the young man or woman the finest preparation for service."**

Certainly a Christian student should go to a Christian college. It follows then that a Baptist student should go to a Baptist college. Any competent young person may go to college today if he really desires to do so. Many are saying that Baptist colleges "cost too much," "do not offer the courses they want," or that "there are better service and buildings elsewhere." They just have not studied the situation carefully enough.

For their cost our Baptist schools offer as much as any school anywhere. Most of them offer a wide variety of courses.



The advantage of Baptist influence on the Baptist student is highly desirable. In Baptist colleges Baptist students will learn to know more about their denomination, will find Christian friends and possibly a life-partner who are "of the same mind."

Because of separation of church and state, we are wholly dependent on denominational schools for the Christian interpretation of literature, sciences, and other subjects, and for the interpretation of the Bible itself.

Of course, other schools are respected and all Baptists are not expected to attend Baptist colleges. But the wise choice for Baptists is a Baptist college.

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**Send Your Pastor**

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance met a few days ago to make preliminary plans for the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1955. That will be two years from now.

We mention this because time flies so swiftly. We also mention it in order to remind our churches that it will pay them to send their pastors to this greatest of Baptist meetings.

It will cost some more than it does to send him to the Southern Baptist Convention but it will also pay large dividends on the small amount expended.

Any pastor who attends the Baptist World Alliance will come back with a larger vision of the worldwide work of Baptists.

There they will meet with Baptists from all over the world, and will be thrilled at the stories of

sacrifice and determination as told by our brothers and sisters from far-flung lands, many of them with scars of persecution.

Travel is cheaper today than ever before, everything considered.

The matter should be brought before the church or the Budget Committee in ample time to let the pastor know that the church plans for him to go. It will then give him time to get ready. And getting ready is no small matter. We remember our trip to Europe to the World Alliance in 1947. There are passports to secure, visas to obtain, and transportation to be arranged for. All of this takes time.

In order to make it easier, some churches plan to provide half of the money needed in their 1954 budget and the other half in their 1955 budget. That is one of the reasons we now call this to the attention of the churches.

Naturally, your pastor is not going to mention it, but we are glad to do it for him. The church is not giving him something, but the church is investing something.

Do the gracious thing for yourself, for your church, and for your pastor.

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**Our Readers Write****THE CHALLENGE OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

By S. J. Rhodes, First Baptist Church Sondeheimer, Louisiana

I have just returned from Bremerton, Washington where it was my privilege to participate in a Convention-wide Evangelistic Campaign sponsored by the Home Mission Board, and the General Baptist Convention of Oregon-Washington.

Baptist work in this section is weak,

but is rapidly growing stronger, and the churches are becoming more numerous almost each month. The 53 churches reported a total membership of 8087 which was an increase of 585 over the previous year. There are more churches now, for there were 70 in this campaign, and a district missionary told me that in 24 months 23 new churches have been organized. Most of the churches are small, and many large towns and cities have no Baptist work. In Bremerton where I was, a city of 40,000 they have two Southern Baptist churches with less than 100 members. The association has three churches, and all three have about 200 members.

The church where I worked, the Kitsap Lake Baptist Church, is a new church in a section of the city where live 15,000 people, and the church has about 35 members. The pastor works in the Navy yard five days in the week, and is doing a good job of leading and developing the church in the time he has. They have been organized about four months, and started out with seven members. They worship in a rented community house. Most of the members have moved from the South, and desire a Southern Baptist program.

The other church in the city has about 50 members, and worships in a theatre building. With the help of friends and the Home Mission Board they have a full time, well trained pastor.

A movement is on foot to establish a training center in a building adjacent to the University of Washington at Seattle, where Baptist students may be taught Bible and religious subjects if they so desire. The administration of the University favors the program in spite of the fact that the National Council of Churches put up a hard fight to block it. The Convention forces are raising money to purchase the building, and it seems that it is going to become a reality.

Many pastors in both Oregon and Washington have to work at secular work to have something to live on while they are building churches, and it may be that this will have to be the rule for some years to come. But the great need right now is for God called preachers who are willing to go there, work, pray, and minister to the needs of the people as best they can, and grow up with the whole program. A layman told me that he wants to see a good preacher come now, who will be interested in opening up a new field in Bremerton, and he will give him secular work to do. He is in the Electrical Appliance business.

Dr. R. E. Milam is the Executive Secretary, and he and his helpers are doing a great work. They can also use money, if any one would like to make a special contribution to the work. Some large church might pay the salary of a pastor. Baptist Headquarters are located at Portland, Oregon.

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**Observe The Ordinance**  
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tee should be trained to be on hand.

There are times when we will be confronted with unusual candidates for the baptismal act. We ought never to hesitate at employing unusual methods in satisfying such a candidate's need for a baptismal experience as free as possible from mishap, or departure from the regular procedures employed. During the past year it was my happy experience to baptize a World War II veteran who had lost both legs high above the knees as the result of a mine explosion. The use of two war buddies to convey this candidate into the baptismal pool, and to assist the pastor in lowering and returning his body from the watery grave, in no wise detracted from the reverence of the act. Rather it served to bring order and beauty to the whole scene.

Some of the latest trends in baptismal procedures and aids have to do with improvements in the construction of the baptistry itself. The trend is toward larger and more spacious pools with easier and safer approaches. A glass panel from six to twelve inches in width placed across the top of the front wall is acceptable and it serves to add realism by allowing the audience to see the actual burying of the candidate in the baptismal waters. Most of the churches are doing away with the use of rubber caps for women and, in some instances, modern, electric hair drying machines are being placed in the dressing rooms. Why not? Better taste and foresight are being employed in the designing of dressing rooms in our newer buildings. It has taken us as long to arrive here as it did to recover our children's work from small unsightly rooms tucked away in the basement.

I have saved until the last what is, perhaps, one of the most important steps in baptizing our candidates. I refer to the conference prior to the actual service. It is imperative that such a conference be held, and our wisest pastors are finding the time and place for an unhurried session. Experience shows that it is best to have this conference prior to the beginning of the main worship service.

Closing Summary: "In the ordi-

### 34 ADDED IN TWO TENT REVIVALS IN HINDS COUNTY

Fred Tarpley, supt. of Missions in Hinds County Association, has just completed two tent revivals in Hinds County. Eleven were added in the revival at Terry, seven by baptism. The last meeting was at West Jackson Church on the site where the new edifice is to be located. There were 23 additions, 10 for baptism.

The tent revival program is a part of the mission program of Hinds County Baptists. Other churches planning to use the tent in revivals include Westview and Highland in Jackson. The Byram Church has planned an open air revival.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School recently held at the Philadelphia Church in Lincoln county. There was an enrollment of fifty-three. The pastor, Rev. William Luther Carlisle, and part of the faculty is shown.

### Conditional Gift Made To Mississippi College

A conditional gift of \$10,000 to Mississippi College by the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio railroad has fostered hope for faster relief from congested conditions on the campus, according to President D. M. Nelson.

Conditions under which the gift is to be made are as follows:

- (a) The governing authorities of your institution (Mississippi College) shall raise the sum of \$40,000 in cash between this date (July 13, 1953) and March 14, 1954. Upon notification by you that this fund is in hand, the aforesaid \$10,000 will immediately be made available.
- (b) The entire sum of \$50,000 is to be used for permanent purposes—that is, for endowment, buildings and equipment, and not for operating expense.

Mississippi College is suffering from both dormitory and classroom congestion as enrollment has continued to climb during recent years.

Dr. Nelson termed the GM&O action as "challenging" to Mississippi Baptists and as bringing a new expansion program a step closer. He also cited the Clinton Baptist Church for a recent gift of approximately \$3,000 toward the expansion program.

nance of Christian baptism the minister's part is large. For the congregation, the act is a public witness which can be a compelling invitation either to dedication for the first time or to the re-dedication for the hundredth. But actually it is the candidate who is the center of the drama. The importance of the ordinance lies very largely in the meaning of the experience for him. And, although the candidate's judgment will be made partially in terms of possible discomfort or inconvenience—was the water warm? Was the pool clean? Were the robes attractive? Was the service handled throughout with dignity and care? Nevertheless, the candidate's ultimate judgment will be given on whether the experience was for him one of religious power and deep spiritual insight. It is the responsibility of the church, the minister and the congregation, to make it such." (p. 42, *And Be Ye Baptized* by Kenneth L. Brown.)

### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:

Urban R. Patti, Spring Hill Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, from Manning, South Carolina.

Ernest L. Combes, Chaplaincy, from Lawrenceville, Illinois.

W. R. Karkalits, First, Dublin, Texas, from First, Moran, Texas.

Tom J. Drewett, First, Quitman, Texas, from First, Alvarado, Texas.

W. T. Mills, Fieldale, Virginia, from Southwestern Seminary.

Jack Tatum, First, Buford Georgia, from First, Cornelius.

Thomas D. Hill, Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans.

Dick Griffin, Chaplaincy, from First, Ferriday, Louisiana.

Guy D. Newton, Calvary, Tulare, California, from Hayes, Louisiana.

James T. Colson, Chaplaincy, from Dawes Chapel, Mobile, Alabama.

H. G. Wheeler, Webster Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, from Grace, Clearmont, Florida.

Joseph R. Hogue, Buena Vista, Columbus, Georgia, from Southern Seminary.

Fred Spinker, Calvary, Kansas City, Kansas, from Gainesville, Missouri.

William W. Taylor, Chaplaincy, from First, Lathrop, Missouri.

L. D. Holt, Emmanuel, Raleigh, North Carolina, from Bethel, North Carolina.

Eugene Lawrence, White Oak, Greenville, South Carolina, from Southern Seminary.

Frank E. Bowman, Fairfield Highlands, Alabama.

Earnest Walker, First, Colfax, Louisiana, from Atlanta, Louisiana.

William Wilson, First, Raiford, Florida, from Lakeview, New Orleans, Louisiana.

James Hawkins, Sarrento, Louisiana.

W. B. Oakley, First, Tiptonville, Tennessee, from First, Paradise, Louisiana.

A. W. Thomas, Beulah, Cheneyville, Louisiana, from Port Barre, Louisiana.

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Thorn Hill Church, Rankin county, had Rev. James Chatman as the evangelist in the revival services July 5-10. There were three additions, two by profession of faith. Rev. Clark Patterson is the pastor.

### Hickman Elected Extension Director

Rev. N. G. Hickman, of Corinth, Associational Missionary of Alcorn county has been elected as director of the newly organized Northeast Mississippi Seminary Extension Center and Corinth set as the permanent meeting place.

The faculty has been announced as follows: Rev. Earl Warford, Corinth, registrar and treasurer; R. B. Patterson, Iuka, teacher of Bible; Rev. Teddy Evans, Selmer, Tenn., teacher in Religious Education; and the Rev. Mr. Hickman, Basic English.

Five associations, Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Tippah and McNary, Tenn., are cooperating in this center which is sponsored by the Seminary Extension Department, Jackson, Rev. Lee Gallman, director.

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Mr. G. G. Pierce, associate in the Training Union Department writes that an error was made in using the name of Larry Grantham in last week's Training Union page. The alternate was Miss Ruth Byars of Marks, Mississippi and not Larry Grantham.

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### New Tract Service Is Available In Baptist Building

By JOE ABRAMS  
Director of Promotion

A newly-developed feature to accelerate Tract distribution—a Tract Order Blank—has been prepared in the Tract Department of the State.

This Order Blank is a mimeographed sheet that lists all the Tracts available under the several headings with a blank beside each Tract to indicate the number desired.

Those interested in Tracts are requested to write for the Order Blank. After the Order Blank has been filled out it should be returned for immediate attention.

Address your request to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who are in the states on furlough, have moved from Clinton to Bonita, Miss. Both are natives of Meridian.

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**OFFERS SUGGESTIONS FOR TRANSFER WEEK**BY DR. C. E. WILBANKS  
Director of Evangelism

Last year, 481,879 Southern Baptists transferred their church memberships from one church to another. It seems justifiable that one might take the position that thousands of these moved their memberships because of the emphasis made upon transferring the church memberships during the week set aside for that in September. There are still an estimated 1,500,000 or more of our Baptists who have moved away and have not taken their letters.

In order that we might enlist thousands of these, at least another half million this year, the Southern Baptist Convention voted that we would pay particular attention to re-enlisting our people during the month of September, and especially the week of September 13-20, 1953. The Convention believes so strongly in this emphasis that the Convention in Houston voted to observe Transfer Church Membership Week again in 1954, from September 12-19.

It is believed that we can approach this month of September with victory in the air, if we shall work at this ever increasing problem of the non-resident member during the months of June, July, and August. June is "Clean the Church Roll Month". Have a committee composed of people who best know the church membership over a period of years to search the church rolls and to tabulate the names of all those who have moved away, about transferring their letters. Then secure the addresses of these people from forwarding addresses at the post office, from neighbors, friends and relatives by publishing their names in a church bulletin, and if there is no bulletin, by calling their names repeatedly from the pulpit.

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asking for information as to their whereabouts.

July is "Contact Month." Let the church send a letter to each of these former members, inquiring as to their well-being, and what their desires are with reference to their church memberships. A form letter has been sent to the pastors in a small brochure dealing with church transfer church membership week. Many churches will want to prepare and send their own letters. The Brochure is only a suggestion.

August is "Notify the Pastor Month," that is, write the pastor who lives nearest to the non-resident member, give him the information, unless the non-resident member indicates that he wishes to retain his membership in the home church, and will become a supporter of local work and missions.

On Sunday, July 26, a search for unaffiliated Baptists made by the entire church membership who will, visiting throughout church territory, will greatly help. Then it will be easy to visit them again and to urge them to move their church memberships, if not before, then surely during the week of September 13-20.

Beginning Sept. 12, Saturday, there should be an intensive week of visitation, calling upon all unaffiliated Baptists living in the church territory. They should be urged to join the church Sunday, the 13th, or Wednesday night, the 16th, or the following Sunday, September 20. Visit them between Sunday and Wednesday. If they do not come in Wednesday night, visit them between Wednesday and Sunday.

If we will regard these as lost loved ones, that is brothers and sisters in Christ, it will be easy for us to go with compassion in our hearts because we know we are rendering them the highest service possible, in assisting them spiritually back into church fellowship.

Find, notify, visit, invite and then enlist in active service after they have joined our churches again. They are those for whom Christ died, just as He did for all the rest of us. We cannot lightly shrug this off. Some of our churches have more than half their memberships now, non-resident. Unaffiliated Baptists who are rearing families are rearing them to be without Christ in life and maybe in eternity. Let's prepare for Transfer Church Membership Week, September 13-20.

**The Challenge Of Rural Churches**

By Garland A. Hendricks, Professor of Church-Community Development, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

At the middle of the Twentieth Century three-quarters of a billion persons profess faith in Christ, but more than a billion and a half do not believe in our Lord. Two-thirds of all the people on earth who are getting their hands on the implements of the sciences and are learning how to use them have not committed themselves to the Lordship of Christ or to the brotherhood of men.

Revolution is in evidence everywhere as the population pressure in the world builds up. About the year 1600 there were only 400,000,000 people on earth. Now there are nearly 2,400,000,000, or six times that many. Population experts predict 190,000,000 for the United States by 1975. If we are to maintain our present standard of living for that many inhabitants it will be necessary to place in cultivation another one hundred million acres of land, or to produce more food and fiber on every acre of land in cultivation. The land has been taken, and the only alternative is to produce more and more per acre as the population increases. We mention this to suggest that the real struggle for survival in America lies ahead of us.

A growing world population clamors for education, food, health, wealth and every physical convenience. Our churches are confronted with this clamor, and must determine the character of the people who will grapple with life's issues today and tomorrow. Rural churches are located where the people live close to nature and give birth to a large proportion of the world's babies. They are in a position to play a significant role in shaping the destiny of the world.

**The Predicament of Modern Man**

The first challenge of Baptist rural churches lies in the predicament of modern man.

He dared explore the secrets of nature. He looked through the telescope and discovered facts about the vast universe of which the earth is but a tiny part. He looked through the microscope and learned about invisible worlds. He learned how to harness wheels to different kinds of power, and has built machines which affect every aspect of our physical life. The sciences have made the telescope, the microscope, and the whirling wheel the symbols of our materialistic age.

**Travel**

From the beginning of time until after the invention of the steam engine by Thomas Savery in 1689 the horse was man's fastest means of travel on land.

My grandfather could travel no faster than Abraham or Moses. He never owned an automobile. But it is possible for me to move through space faster than the speed of sound.

**Industry**

By 1900 textile mills were springing up over the country. In 1945 there were more cotton spindles in

operation in Gaston County, North Carolina, than in any like area on earth, and the South had become the Cotton textile manufacturing center of the world. Southern industry has followed a new pattern, and most of the factories constructed since 1940 have been located in small communities where our rural churches are located.

**Agriculture**

In 1840 eight out of every ten persons in the United States were engaged in agriculture. Commercial fertilizer was introduced. Industry and commerce increased and farmers learned how to produce more per acre. The states set up colleges of agriculture and experiment farms. Tractors replaced horses and mules. A program of soil conservation was projected. Land that once produced ten bushels of corn is now producing a hundred. The modern farmer sits astride a tractor bench to cultivate his fields, and only two out of ten persons are engaged in agriculture, producing enough food and fiber for life and industry.

**Education**

Education has transformed the outlook and working capacity of millions of people, and is a vital factor in the creation of hitherto undreamed of wealth. Churches and individuals sponsored education at first, and most of the people did not get an education. We first attended a two teacher school. The year we entered high school the county began transporting country children to town for a high school education. Four years later they built a consolidated school in our community. Today it is the largest public school in the county, with thirty-one teachers and a plant valued at more than half a million dollars.

Science has made one century with modern man as were many millennia to earlier men. It has been during this period that Baptists have enjoyed their greatest era of growth.

**Ten Assets of Southern Baptists**

The second challenge of Baptist rural churches lies in some assets of Southern Baptists, located in a strategic place in the world at a critical time in man's struggle for freedom and decency.

In the South more than one-half of the people still live in rural communities, nearly one-third are engaged in agriculture. We are a great rural region of America. The world is still more than two-thirds rural, but in our Western dominated civilization where cities are given major consideration in our thoughts, Southern Baptists hold a unique place.

We believe that Southern Baptists now face the greatest challenge of their history. Let us share ten reasons for this conviction.

**Dynamics**

First, the dynamics of Southern Baptists is evangelism. We have sustained a major emphasis upon evangelism. We are seeing at long last that evangelism means getting people born again, then providing them with the essentials for growth in the grace of Christian living as church members. In some of our churches we are de-

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Columbia Calvary	105	24.08
Canaan (Benton)	57	6.50
Enon (Winston)	15	3.23
Shiloh (Alcorn)	47	5.69
Rock Hill (Covington)	64	11.02
Vicksburg Bowmar Avenue	164	40.50
North Columbia	77	5.05
Fellowship (Jones)	70	10.00
Pleasant Ridge (Union County)	113	6.47
Self Creek (Oktibbeha)	92	21.03
Enterprise Mission (Mississippi)	40	5.96
New Prospect (Alcorn)	20	1.37
Spring Hill (Pearl River)	55	1/2.92
Kosciusko First	336	50.40
Burnsville	83	
Corinth (Pearl River)	117	
Pascagoula First	450	
Raleigh	134	23.12
Cedar Grove (Leake)	63	6.65
Ridgecrest Chapel	156	35.47
Crystal Springs First	349	58.03
Mt. Vernon (Miss.)	137	13.45
Dublin (Jeff Davis)	89	10.11
Derby (Pearl River)	55	6.00
Ovett	69	
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**The Challenge Of**

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veloping programs of worship and service as effective channels of the power released by evangelism.

**Authority**

Second, our source of authority is the Bible. We have accepted no lesser authority. We insist that the Bible ever remain a source of wisdom, insight, and action in our private lives, in church fellowship, and in our world mission for the Lord.

**Appeal**

Third, our appeal is concern for the individual. In a world where both states and churches have subordinated the individual to a place of insignificance, we declare that the individual must be supreme in both church and state. The individual can be responsible only when he is dignified.

**Adaptability**

Fourth, our adaptability is due to a flexibility of patterns of life and work. No church tells another church how it must do its work. No denominational body can dictate to any of its local churches. We recognize great central principles which serve as guideposts for all of us. Then any local congregation is free to chart its own course, cut its own patterns.

**Unity**

Fifth, our unity lies in a denominational consciousness. The force that holds Baptists together is as much a mystery to us as it is to our brethren in other denominations. We constitute one of the paradoxes of our time. Operating purely on voluntary cooperation we have grown from a few small groups until now we count ourselves seven million and, along with our negro brethren, con-

stitute the major denomination in the South. Our unity is a curious phenomenon, but it is real.

**Security**

Sixth, our security is in our location. We are living in a region where children are born in great numbers. The birth rate is high in small communities, low in the cities. The South has never built huge cities. We have a biological future. Any group which is more than one-half rural has a vast potential in human wealth.

**Working Equipment**

Seventh, our working equipment is a vast reservoir of money wealth. For a long time Baptists boasted their poverty. Our fortune has changed and we are blessed with immense material wealth. We have members representing every profession and industry known to man.

**Influence**

Eighth, our influence is in our members. We have enough Baptists to make an impact upon our entire society. We should bear in mind, however, that only when we combine our efforts can we reach high goals of achievement. We should also take into account that nowhere else in the world do we have large numbers of Baptists, and that we constitute only about two and one-half per cent of all the professing Christians in the world today.

**Training Ground**

Ninth, our training ground is our Baptist colleges and Seminaries. We were in the front ranks with those who popularized education a century ago. We have developed our own system of colleges and seminaries. Now the purpose and function of Christian education is being examined afresh. Baptist schools are offering their facilities and resources to adults and churches as well as to students.

**Growth**

Tenth, our growth is assured by a great host of small churches which are now entering their era of development. For half a century our town communities and their churches have grown at the expense of rural communities and churches. At Olive Chapel Church in rural Wake County the records show that from 1900 to 1950 every

time we baptized a member to keep we baptized another to give to a city Church. A sociologist estimated that it would cost ten thousand dollars to rear a child to the age of eighteen. On that basis, one rural church in fifty years gave away more than three million dollars worth of human beings to city churches and never received as much in return as a thank you note. Its own membership remained almost the same for half a century. Olive Chapel gave away its increase, as did tens of thousands of America's 150,000 rural churches.

Southern Baptists have about nine thousand towns and city churches, many of which have adequate leadership, buildings, equipment, and programs. But we have nearly twenty thousand rural churches, most of which are just now moving into their era of development.

As we see it, these ten assets constitute a potential strength which will make it possible for us to give good account of our stewardship before God.

**A PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT FOR RURAL CHURCHES**

The third challenge of Baptist rural churches lies in our necessity for a program of development in every church community. What may we expect of these twenty thousand small churches which are now entering their era of development? They are the grass roots churches. They form the base upon which the superstructure is developed. They give the very life blood for our growth.

**Spiritual Life**

First, each church must learn how to develop the spiritual life of its people. This is the purpose of all church activity. In evangelism a church wins people to Christ then sets about developing Christian character. Worship keeps us conscious of our commitment and supplies inspiration, insight, and motive power. Teaching and training activities provide an understanding of the Bible and how we may relate the scriptures to everyday living.

**Organization**

Second, every church should be well organized. Organization is primarily a means of channeling energy and effort so as to make them count. The pastor leads the way. He provides warmth of heart, sets the course of thinking, serves as helper. Administrative helpers perform tasks which they may do even better than the pastor. Each church determines its pattern of administration on a basis of need. God has so made us that it is necessary that we gather often for fellowship, prayer, song and meditation. A teaching and training program is necessary. A missions emphasis keeps us conscious of our world opportunity. Sometimes we tire of organizations but we know that a church must be more than a preaching station. The secret of a successful church is an orderly march forward to its goals.

**Physical Equipment**

Third, wherever people gather to do the Lord's work it is necessary to have physical equipment, work-

ing tools. Many of our twenty thousand rural churches do not have adequate working facilities. Few of them have a home for their ministers. Some of them still use one room buildings.

The situation is changing. The whole countryside takes on a new appearance as thousands of small churches construct beautiful new sanctuaries and educational plants. Comfortable pews and attractive furniture replace the crude benches of a generation ago. Parsonages are being constructed for resident pastoral leadership. Evergreen shrubs and perennial grass characterize the grounds and cemeteries. Most community houses and fellowship centers provide for group gatherings.

**Community Service**

Fourth, community service is essential to an effective witness for Christ through the churches. Today, the world is our community. No one, no group, is segregated from life across the earth. Every church is finding it necessary to reinterpret its obligations to its own constituency at home and to the unsaved and fellow Christians in other lands.

**Trained Leadership**

Fifth, in pulpit and in pew we must have leaders who know the currents of life which move so powerfully today, persons who understand the scriptures and can interpret their message for our time. We have been told that there are about nine thousand ordained Baptist ministers in our territory who have not been to college or seminary. They live in a world of educated lay people who demand warm-hearted and clear-headed leaders in their pulpits. One deacon of a rural church said, "My church needs a pastor who is so well educated that he can forget he has ever been to school a day and give us the advantage of a trained mind in language and thought patterns we can understand."

**Democratic Procedure**

Sixth, each church should be recognized for the contribution it makes. Baptists are an honest and fair-minded people. During half a century past when we were busy building towns and cities and developing larger churches in those communities we expended much of our thought and energy on their behalf. Now the time has arrived for the Southern Baptist Convention and every State Baptist Convention to give due attention to rural ministers and laymen and to the work of rural churches.

Representation on boards, committees, and programs should be fair and inclusive. Sometimes we have looked in vain for even a single rural Baptist on an important board or committee. Some of these Baptists who have little money to give have been extremely generous with their own life blood, their sons and daughters, without which our denomination could not possibly have made its phenomenal growth.

**Conclusion**

The challenge of Baptist rural churches is threefold. It is a challenge to give Christ to a world so fascinated by the physical sciences that it may give up God

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Miss Iris Dean Starkey, recent graduate of the School of Music at New Orleans Seminary is the new minister of music at Columbus First Church and has already begun her duties.

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Miss Starkey was previously graduated from the Blankenship Conservatory of Music, also at Roanoke.

Dr. S. R. Woodson is the pastor.

for gadgets, and thereby lose its sense of direction altogether. It is a challenge to re-evaluate the assets of Southern Baptists and prepare ourselves to confront the issues of today and tomorrow fully aware of our mission. It is a challenge to project an emphasis and a program for the development of every church so that the rural churches may march alongside their larger sister churches as we undertake to fulfill our date with destiny.

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Forest Park	4.00-6.00	7.00-9.00	7.50-9.00
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**Sparks & Splinters**

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Bonton E. Evans, Hazlehurst; J. C. Pell, Hazlehurst; Lynton R. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. Don Sheffield, Verona; Rev. H. P. Porter, Brookhaven; Arthur Wells, Wesson; Luther Bullard, Wesson; Julia Allbritten, Jackson; Mary Catherine Wood, Jackson; Mrs. W. L. Hodgin, Jackson; Evelyn Hodgin, Jackson.

During June, John D. Freeman of Nashville, Tenn. conducted three one-week rural revivals in Surry County, N.C., two of them with Pastor Jesse Woodruff of Mt. Airy. July 5-12 he was with Pastor Reeves C. Dean and First Church of Lake Alfred, Fla. Other revivals will be held in Tennessee, East Tupelo, Miss. and a stewardship revival with First Church of St. John's, St. Louis, Mo., where James T. Shirley is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Foster, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippine Islands who have been in the States on furlough, will leave in July for their field of service. Effective July 17, they may be addressed at P. O. Box 7, Baguio City, Philippine Islands. Both are natives of Mississippi and make their permanent American home in Jackson.

The annual revival of the Duncan Church will begin July 26. Rev. R. R. Darby of Bassfield will be the visiting evangelist. Rev. W. R. Swenson is the pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Curtis Askew, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, have returned to the States on furlough and are living in Sardis, Miss. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Raymond F. Hawk, director of campus schools and student teaching at Western Washington College of Education, Bellingham, Washington, will address two classes in education at Blue Mountain College Summer School, July 30. He will meet with educators and education students at all of the senior colleges in Mississippi where summer education classes are being held. He is being sponsored by the National and Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Southern Baptists have met a Cooperative Program operating goal of 5,192,000 for 1953. The next 3,000,000 received will be distributed to apply on the capital needs goals of the various agencies for 1953.

Wake Forest Church in Oktibbeha County will hold a revival July 26-31. Rev. Carey Sansing, pastor of Siloam Church in Clay County will be the evangelist with Melvin Jackson leading the singing. Rev. C. E. Snowden is pastor of the church.

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, was named interim executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at a special meeting in Richmond on July 9. Action on the election of a permanent executive secretary to succeed the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin was postponed until the annual full session of the Board in October.

**Stearns Creek Evangelist**

DR. L. E. GREEN

Dr. L. E. Green, pastor of the First Church, Prentiss, will be the evangelist in a revival to be held at Stearns Creek Church, Florence, July 26-31.

Reid Moore, music director of First Church, Jackson will be the singer.

The annual revival of the Academy Church, Tippah County, will begin July 26. Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., pastor of the Calvary Church, Batesville, will be the visiting evangelist. Miss Doris Freeman, of Cotton Plant will be the pianist, and pastor Charles Stubblefield will lead the singing.

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The Foreign Mission Board, meeting July 9, 1953, in emergency session following the death of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, voted unanimously and feelingly to continue its Advance Program in world missions.

Board members expressed the profound and unalterable conviction that the Advance Program proposed by Dr. Rankin, and now in operation, should not be allowed to falter, but should be carried forward to full completion.

"Do Southern Baptists dare to follow God?" was the challenging question Dr. Rankin asked the Board at its semi-annual meeting in April. "We dare not do otherwise," is the Board's unqualified answer.

Four considerations argue for the continuance and completion of the Advance Program:

- (1) The tragic spiritual and material needs of our world.
- (2) The longing of our Southern Baptist people to have a larger share in meeting the world's needs.
- (3) Dr. Rankin's consuming desire to see that the Advance Program was carried into effect.
- (4) God's redemptive concern for "every nation and tribe and tongue and people."

Relying upon the confidence, support, and prayers of our Southern Baptist people, the Foreign Mission Board, like David Livingstone, is determined to go "anywhere provided it be forward."

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#### ATTENDANCE

NOTE: The discrepancies in the total attendance is due to the act that the visitors are not listed in this tabulation.

DISTRICT 1					
	Training Union	Ass'n'l Officers	Churches Rep.	Total	
Pastors	Directors	Officers	Rep.		
Copiah	2	1	2	8	30
Hinds	4	7	6	17	86
Union	2	—	1	3	12
Warren	3	3	2	4	43
TOTALS	11	11	11	32	180
DISTRICT 2					
Bolivar	2	—	3	4	30
Deer Creek	2	—	—	3	27
Sharkey-Issaquena	5	5	6	8	153
Sunflower	1	2	5	8	68
Washington	1	1	2	4	26
TOTALS	17	8	16	27	315
DISTRICT 3					
Carroll	3	—	2	4	16
Grenada	1	1	2	5	31
Leflore	1	1	2	2	19
Montgomery	3	1	5	5	26
Tallahatchie	1	—	2	4	21
Yalobusha	2	—	4	3	21
TOTALS	11	3	17	23	142
DISTRICT 4					
DeSoto	1	1	3	2	6
Panola	4	3	4	8	74
Riverside	3	3	2	9	88
Tate	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	8	7	9	19	175
DISTRICT 5					
Benton	1	—	—	1	4
Lafayette	6	4	5	7	62
Marshall	—	—	—	—	—
Pontotoc	1	1	1	6	31
Tippah	1	2	—	4	17
Union Co.	1	1	2	7	29
TOTALS	10	8	8	25	149
DISTRICT 6					
Alcorn	2	—	2	4	13
Itawamba	1	—	1	1	9
Lee	5	1	1	10	68
Prentiss	—	—	1	2	11
Tishomingo	1	1	1	1	5
TOTALS	9	2	6	18	113
DISTRICT 7					
Calhoun	9	6	6	11	112
Chickasaw	2	2	3	4	21
Clay	1	—	0	1	1
Lowndes	1	—	—	1	6
Monroe	1	—	—	1	1
Zion	1	1	—	1	6
TOTALS	15	9	9	19	154
DISTRICT 8					
Choctaw	3	1	1	6	101
Kemper	—	—	—	—	—
Neshoba	1	1	1	2	30
New Choctaw	—	—	—	—	—
Noxubee	1	—	—	1	1
Oktibbeha	2	—	2	4	23
Winston	3	2	4	6	44
TOTALS	10	4	8	19	205
DISTRICT 9					
Attala	1	3	7	5	54
Holmes	2	—	5	3	54
Leake	1	1	1	3	12
Madison	—	1	—	2	6
Yazoo	—	1	—	4	13
TOTALS	4	6	13	17	150
DISTRICT 10					
Rankin	8	3	4	14	80
Scott	4	3	4	8	54
Simpson	3	2	1	3	21
Smith	3	1	—	4	37
TOTALS	18	9	9	29	198

(Continued Next Week.)

## Churches Continue To Commit For Stewardship Week

The roster of churches pledging themselves to observe Christian Stewardship Week Oct. 18-25 with a School of Stewardship continues to grow, according to W. R. Roberts, state chairman of the Week.

If your church plans to observe the week and has not sent confirmation to Mr. Roberts, he urges you to do so in order that the name of the church may be published as an inspiration to others.

The date for the September Rally in each association has been set in many of the associations and those that have not set the date are urged to do so soon.

The latest list of committed churches follows:

Beaumont, Arlington, Rev. C. E. Smith, pastor.

Purvis, First, Rev. Paul H. Leber.

Petal, 19th Avenue, Rev. O. H. Petty.

Oakland, New Montpelier, Rev. W. H. Haynes.

Louisville, Calvary, Rev. W. D. Presson.

Louisville, Poplar Flat, Rev. W. D. Presson.

Louisville, Gum Branch, Rev. W. D. Presson.

Louisville, Evergreen, Rev. W. L. Yeatman.

Meridian, Southside, Rev. A. Estus Mason.

Clifton, Scott Association, Rev. Ralph Scott.

Lucedale, Barton, Rev. J. W. Dubon.

Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue, Dr. R. A. Tullos.

Pascagoula, Eastlawn, Rev. O. W. Mason.

Bailey, Arkadelphia, Rev. Corless Evans.

Liberty, New Zion, Rev. Roy Collum.

Agricola, First, Rev. F. L. Coker.

Clara, First, Rev. James Gilbert.

Brookhaven, Friendship, no pastor.

Brookhaven, New Sight, no pastor.

Yazoo City, First, Dr. W. C. Fields.

Columbus, Kolola Springs, Rev. Sam P. Langford.

French Camp, Bethseda, Rev. C. F. Anglin.

French Camp, First, Rev. C. F. Anglin.

French Camp, Covenant, Rev. C. F. Anglin.

Jackson, Northside, Rev. W. L. Compere.

Brookhaven, Pearlhaven, Rev. Paul Z. Ball.

Jackson, Forrest Hill, Rev. Quenton Floyd.

Jackson, West Jackson, Rev. J. D. Nazary.

Vicksburg, Trinity, Rev. Paul Lee.

Meridian, Mt. Vernon, Rev. John Cook, Jr.

Red Lick, Mize, Miss., Rev. R. O. Bankston, pastor.

Yellow Leaf, Oxford, Miss., Rev. E. N. Young.

Horn Lake, Rev. Eugene Flem-

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MAURICE WILLIS

Mr. Maurice Willis, BSU Secretary for A. P. I., Auburn, Ala., is the featured out-of-state leader for the coming State Pre-School Retreat at Camp Garaywa. The Retreat begins Saturday, August 1, at 10 a. m., and closes with the noon meal the next day, Sunday, August 2. Deadline for registration (\$1 each) is July 30th in this office. All college Pastors, Faculty Advisers, Student Secretaries, local Presidents and State Council members are urged to attend as guests of the State BSU Department.

Any other BSUers are welcome to come at their own expense which totals \$4.20 for the entire period. Register today and pray for a great Retreat.

#### Miscellaneous

Miss. bus to Glorieta leaves Aug. 21st, spending two nights on road; returns on Sept. 2nd. Fares are \$35 each to first 27 sending them

ing.

Olive Branch, Rev. Arthur L. Goodson.

First, Hernando, Miss., Rev. Grant Clark.

Eudora, Hernando, Rev. H. C. Clower.

Senatobia, Dr. H. L. Martin.

Coldwater, Rev. F. V. McFarridge.

Philadelphia, Dr. Eugene Farr. Crenshaw, Rev. J. B. Dorroh.

First, Batesville, Rev. Robert W. Martin.

Pilgrim's Rest, Panola Association, Rev. G. T. Turner.

Calvary, Batesville, Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr.

Monticello, Rev. Joe Hudson.

Maben, Rev. Dofis Hardin.

Indian Hill, Richton, Rev. Frank Roberts.

Palestine, Raymond, Rev. Joe Galle.

Terry, Rev. John Hill.

Raleigh, Rev. Montie Davis.

Wiggins, Rev. W. L. Warren.

County Line, Crystal Springs, Rev. Richard J. Sweetman.

Oxford, Yellow Leaf, Rev. E. A. Young.

Pope, First, Rev. M. P. Jones.

Pope, Liberty Hill, Rev. M. P. Jones.

in.  
Our State's goal for the Coop. Prog. is now \$1,200,000 for the year. Let's reach it for the glory of Christ.

Without apology or hesitation and with full knowledge of the needs of Miss. BSU, we say we hope and pray the State Board will add an Associate State BSU Sec'y this Dec. to this Dept.

About \$100 is still needed for SSM. Surely at least one BSUer from each of the seven non-contributing BSU's could help.

Inadvertently, Woman's College was left out of the recognition at Ridgecrest of First Magnitude BSU's. She makes three for Miss. Two from the college recently joined Blue Mountain Church.

Miss. State has 371 Baptists and 17 Bapt. preference this summer and BSU Sec'y Roy Isbell is proud father of new baby girl, Sally Frances Isbell by name. Congratulations! Youth-led Revival, with John McBride and Frank Horton, is now going on.

Thursday, July 23, 1953

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## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson  
 Executive Secretary—Miss Edwin Robinson  
 Young People's Secretary—Miss Nell Taylor  
 Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

Congratulations to Charleston W. M. S. A gift of \$100 was received from Charleston, designated for Camp Garaywa Building Fund! This will help make possible the needed building!

## CAMP GARAYWA

How grateful we are for Camp Garaywa, whose mission is missions. How grateful we are for the need for enlarging its facilities. That means increased numbers of people being ministered to, being taught, inspired and going out to serve better. Surely, this sense of gratitude will make us feel a sense of responsibility in providing the money needed that additional buildings and improvements may meet the needs. This is a challenging opportunity to give.

MRS. D. R. BOWEN.

Extra, extra, read all about it! Organizations in Royal Service, The Window of YWA, Tell, Ambassador Life, Sunbeam Activities. Order these magazines from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama. All except Sunbeam Activities is published monthly. The Sunbeam Leaders find their help in the quarterly publication Sunbeam Activities.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS BOOKS NEW For YOUNG PEOPLE. "David and Jane" for Sunbeams—price 60 cents.

"Let's Go Exploring" for Intermediate G. A.'s and R. A.'s—price 35 cents.

These books are splendid and should be used by all counselors and leaders.

## Correction:

In the listing of the Home Mission Offering, Belzoni WMU should have been credited with having contributed \$804.12, and Arlington \$22.00.

## WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY was held at Second Baptist Church in Greenville with 118 present from four of the seven churches in the Association. The young people presented a most interesting program, using the theme "A Little Book in a Big World". Mrs. W. T. Henson is the Young People's Leader.

## W. M. S. Camp — at Camp Garaywa August 24-26

The missionary speakers will be Miss Edith Chaney of Africa and Mrs. Curtis Askew of Japan. Conferences for WMU officers will feature the afternoon program. It is hoped that all Societies will elect the new officers prior to that date and make plans for at least a car of the officers will come. We want as many as possible to come for the entire period of three days.

## RIDGECREST W. M. U. WEEK August 6-12

Already 29 reservations are in hand for the trip. We have about 3 or 4 more weeks and expect 10 or 15 more reservations. Send the \$2.00 registration fee to the Y. M.

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

## MY BAD TEMPER

Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Warrell Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind." He writes this column each week for Baptist Record.

Question: I have an uncontrollable temper. From childhood (I am now 33) I have been like this. When someone says something which makes me mad I simply blow up. I get red in the face and say things for which I am ashamed in five minutes. My wife says that it is the Devil in me, and I just about believe her. But what I want to know is what I can do about it. I have prayed. I read the Bible. I even apologize for what I have said, but somehow I don't get rid of it.

Answer: Perhaps your wife is right about it being the Devil in you. At least the Old Fellow is using this to cripple you as a Christian.

Had you ever thought why you get so mad? Anger is the way children defend themselves. And it works, or did when they were little. At least, it seemed to. But now that you are grown, there are better ways of meeting opposition. Some sulk, or get very quiet, even deny that they feel anything. But they do.

I would suggest that you sit down and think over the last ten times you have blown up. You will find a pattern that runs through all of them. There is one or more points at which you feel terribly weak and inferior. Your anger is nothing but a defense of some sort. And it is a dead-give-away. You are actually confessing to the world how insecure and uncertain you are.

There is a place for anger—in resisting oppression—but you are overdoing it (Eph. 4:26). It is, however, a very dangerous emotion (Matt. 5:22). Even Jesus showed anger once (Mark 3:5), but it was coupled with grief. You can overcome the worst of a bad temper if you will grow up (1 Cor. 13:11).

—BR—  
 McAdams Church will hold its annual revival meeting July 26-August 2. Rev. C. A. Smith, pastor of County Line in Attala Association, will lead the singing. The pastor V. R. Crider, will do the preaching.

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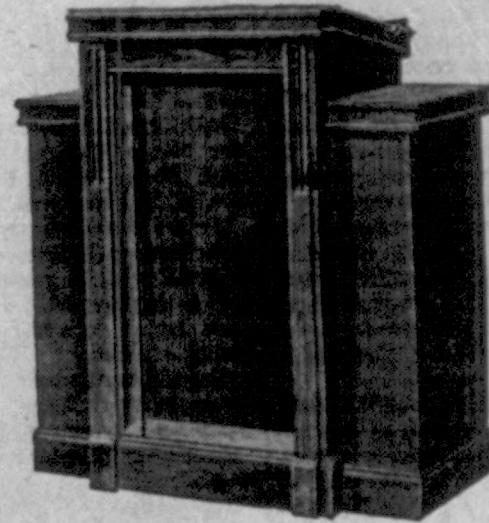
August 3-7, the Mississippi Baptist Music Leadership School to be held at Mississippi College offers the best in music leadership that our Southern Baptist Convention can offer.

The faculty of 12 members will represent the various departments of the church music program and their background of teaching in the seminaries and leadership at the head of our Southern Baptist work. Every phase of church music will be taught.

The registrations are reaching the Music Office in large numbers everyday. The enrollment now is reaching toward 150, and by the end of another week is expected to pass the 200 mark. Every church should take advantage of this offer and send the choir directors, organists, pianists, and some of the choir members to this school. Registration blanks are available along with programs from the Music Department, Box 530. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

## GOOD HOPE CHURCH IN PERRY COUNTY REPORTS MUSIC WEEK

A Music School was held recently at Good Hope Church in Perry county with Brother James Tadlock leading. Enrollment for the school reached 54 with an average attendance of 48. Thirty voice lessons were given to nine people, and the climax of the week was a Song Sermon using only the talent of the school, and the teacher only as song director. This was the first real "Music School" copy of this pamphlet.



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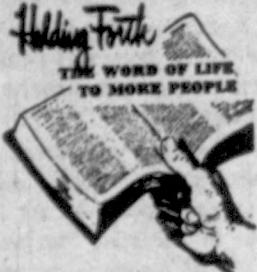
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"A MILLION MORE IN '54"

The real purpose back of the Southern Baptist Sunday school program to reach a "Million More in '54" is that they may have the privilege of the study of God's Word in a regular fashion.

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The Bible tells us that "The entrance of thy Word giveth light." "Of his own will begat he us by the Word of Truth."

The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God as a powerful means in regeneration. The more people we can get under the influence of the teaching and the preaching of the Word, the more people will be won to Christ and his way of life.

Therefore, this business of reaching another million in Sunday school next year has large possibilities. It will mean many won to Christ; it will mean many developed in Christian service and usefulness.

Every school should do its best to reach its share of that million, which is about 20 per cent. Success here means success in many places.

## IT IS NOW TIME TO APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This may seem early, but it is now time to appoint the Nominating Committee for nominating the workers of the various church organizations for another year.

This is the first month of the last quarter, and this committee needs ample time for this important matter. They must pray, select, enlist all these workers, and that takes time, and plenty of it.

## NEW INTERMEDIATE LEADER

Stanley Williamson, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is the new superintendent of Intermediate work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, succeeding Miss Mary Virginia Lee who retired June 1.

Dr. Williamson received an A. B. degree from Ouachita College and the M. R. E. and D. R. E. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as educational director in

several churches.

## PLEASE KEEP THOSE VBS REPORTS COMING PROMPTLY

Yes sir, Brother or Sister VBS Principal, be sure and send us the report of your Vacation Bible School just as soon as it closes. Do not delay. That often means that it is never sent.

We are running in the Baptist Record from time to time the names, enrolments and offerings of all schools that send us reports. Watch that and see if yours appears there. If not, we have not received it.

We thank you for helping us with these reports.

## MORE STANDARDS

These units have become Standard recently:

Schools: Washington, Rev. W. E. Hardy, pastor, Mrs. C. W. Pullen, supt.; Sandersville, Rev. W. H. Merritt, pastor, Mrs. Myrtle Sanders, supt.; Waynesboro, First, Rev. Eddie F. Hicks, pastor, T. J. Clanton, Jr., supt., Herbert Valentine, educational director.

Departments: Cradle Roll, Kosciusko, First, Mrs. A. L. Knight, supt.; Tupelo, Calvary, Mrs. William Gunn.

Beginner — Itta Bena, Miss Margaret Mitchell, supt.; Booneville, First, Mrs. Oswald Pounds, supt.

Junior — Vicksburg, First, Mrs. R. L. Smith, supt.

Classes: Junior — Bible Studiers E. Leonard Lee, teacher; Bible Learners, George W. Watts, teacher, both of these from Vicksburg, First.

14-Year Girls, Mrs. Chester Laws, teacher, and 13-Year Girls, Miss Adele McIntyre, teacher, both of McComb, First.

Ruth, Adult, Hattiesburg, First, Mrs. Homer Pittman, teacher; Adult Women No. 1, Leakesville, Mrs. W. C. Churchwell, teacher.

We are certainly most grateful to the leaders of all these units for the good work in reaching Standard recognition. It is not perfect work, but it does show a high quality of work.

Who will be the next to send in the application? Blanks will be gladly sent on request.

Remember: Standard units are better.

Repeaters, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, teacher, and Mary-Martha, Mrs. W. F. Jackson, teacher, both of Adult classes and from McComb, First.

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*How to Preach From the Gospel Of John* by George A. E. Salstrand will be helpful to the ministerial student as well as to the active pastor. The author presents 32 lessons on the Gospel of John, each with a sermon outline as the core. The Scripture Lesson, the Key Passage, and the questions and exercises make the book adaptable to lay study classes. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan for \$2.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

July 19, 1953

Hattiesburg, Main Street	827	204
Jackson, West	302	137
Jackson, First	1405	456
Main Church	1283	400
Ridgecrest Chapel	122	56
Jackson, Crestwood	513	244
Jackson, Calvary	1371	393
Main Church	1293	316
Mission	78	77
Jackson, Broadmoor	218	91
Jackson, Parkway	933	451
Jackson, Northside	489	126
Jackson, Highland	102	70
Jackson, Paul Truitt (Rankin)	349	233
Jackson, Alta Woods	373	156
Magee's Creek	120	57
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	180	112
Pascagoula, First	818	320
Main Church	634	229
Orange Grove Chapel	37	29
Jackson Ave. Chapel	86	39
McArthur Chapel	61	23
Mantee	170	
Shiloh (Marion)	67	77
Laurel, Hillcrest	59	41
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	86	92
Raymond	173	70
McComb, East	414	158
Laurel, Highland	172	92
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	43	32
Clarksdale	661	84
Friendship (Jackson)	66	49
Columbus, East End	249	106
Sand Hill (Jones)	63	47
Meridian, South Side	356	125
Philadelphia, First	385	134
Union (Alcorn)	120	100
East Corinth (Alcorn)	126	62
Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	345	128
DeLay	35	50
New Prospect (Lafayette)	122	57
Yellow Leaf	77	71
Oxford, First	381	89
Abbeville	79	
New Albany	568	189
Purvis, First	293	123
Springfield	171	91
Darling	117	43
Laurel, Wildwood	144	57
Morton	137	37
Mission	37	
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	547	278
Picayune, First	573	170
Zion (Pontotoc)	170	96
Marks, First	184	67
Calhoun City, First	343	112
Bruce	381	95
Grenada, First	707	105
Grenada, Emmanuel	242	88
Hernando	148	77
Longview (Oktibbeha)	91	59
Corinth, Tate Street	281	67
Cranfield (Adams)	68	21
Newton	388	171
Bay St. Louis, First	127	39
Gulfport, First	848	249
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	135	53
Laurel, Highland	172	92
Yazoo City, Calvary	215	178
Pelahatchie	162	79
Fair River (Lincoln)	120	56
Bethlehem (Jones)	142	71
Brooklyn (Lebanon Ass'n)	122	97
Petal-Harvey	290	143
Brookhaven, First	699	260
Main Church	616	189
Southway	61	50
Halbert Heights	22	21
McComb, Locust Street	94	59
McComb, Friendship	205	101
Greenwood, Calvary	370	166
Holly Bluff	97	77
Meridian, 15th Ave.	486	193
Hattiesburg, Temple	475	142
Tupelo, Harrisburg	474	180
Crystal Springs, First	650	187
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	192	169
Laurel, First	490	127

A new sociology award is being

established at Mississippi College by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas M. Cox of the class of 1953, according to Dr. D. M. Nelson, president. The award of twenty-five dollars will be given by Rev. and Mrs. Cox in memory of their son, Thomas M. Cox, Jr., who died while they were students at the college. The recipient of this award is to be a member of the senior class who has majored in sociology, and who, in the opinion of the major professor, the president, and the dean of the college, shows the greatest interest and promise in the field of social work.

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Friendship (Jackson)	73	75
Yazoo City, Calvary	206	146
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	621	271
Horseshoe	37	53
Greenwood, Calvary	412	176
McComb, East	348	185
Ruleville	296	151
Main Church	223	64
Calvary Mission	73	87
Jackson, Crestwood	630	439
Jackson, Highland	130	96
Jackson, West	286	132
Jackson, Broadmoor	216	109
Jackson, Parkway	935	458

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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DAVID T. MASHBURN

New Associate Secretary

David T. Mashburn, Augusta, Georgia, will assume his new duties as associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission on August first.

A native of North Carolina, he graduated from Mars Hill College in 1932. He served as educational director of the Broadway Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, and First Baptist Churches in Mt. Airy and Hendersonville, North Carolina. He comes to his new post from the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, where he has served as educational director since 1949.

Mr. Mashburn is widely known

as a script writer for Sunday School Board filmstrips and motion pictures. Family Films, a trade periodical on visual aids, has carried several of his articles on visual aids.

Across the years Mr. Mashburn has had extensive experience as an associational officer in Brotherhood, Sunday School and Training Union.

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## 50, 40 &amp; 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd

## 50 Years Ago

According to the treasurer's report Mississippi Baptists gave during last convention year: Foreign Missions, \$16,100; Home Missions, \$6,400; State Missions, \$17,200; Mississippi College, \$11,400; Orphanage, \$10,300; Suspension, \$1,480. Total, \$62,900.

Pastor W. A. Roper reports their meeting at South Side, Meridian, in which Rev. J. R. Hobbs did the preaching, resulting in 21 accessions, seven for baptism.

## 40 Years Ago

Pastor W. R. Johnson tells of the Moak's Creek revival, Lincoln County, in which Student J. L. Boyd of the Southern Seminary did the preaching, resulting in 15 additions to the church, 13 for baptism.

Thirty-one united with the Georgetown church and a debt of \$900 was lifted from the pastor's home during a ten-days' meeting in which Pastor R. A. Eddleman was assisted by Rev. W. E. Farr of Columbia.

## 25 Years Ago

Dr. R. B. Gunter assisted Pastor C. J. Olander in a revival meeting at Lena from which there were twelve additions, six for baptism.

23, 1953

## Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. CLIFTON J. ALLEN

July 26, 1953

## GROWING IN CHRIST

Bible Text: Ephesians 4.

In characteristic fashion, the letter to the Ephesians shows how Paul added ethics to theology. He always made conduct the complement of faith. Beginning with Chapter 4 of this letter we have a description of the life worthy of the calling of grace. In this lesson we have Paul's appeal for spiritual unity (1-6) his emphasis upon Christian maturity (7-16) and his exhortation to personal morality (17-32). We center attention upon the doctrine of Christian growth, one of the most important teachings of the New Testament.

Paul's picture of the church as fulfilling the body of Christ is a challenge to individual Christians to strive for full spiritual maturity.

## THE IDEAL OF UNITY

The first aspect of Christian living emphasized by Paul, essential if one is to live worthily of the Christian calling, is that of spiritual unity. The proper spirit is one of humility, lowly-mindedness, long-suffering, and meekness. These qualities are indispensable to unity.

Paul went on to stress seven great sources of unity: (1) one body — the church, the members of which are one in Christ; (2) one Spirit — by whom all are begotten and are energized to do Christ's will; (3) one hope — which is God's hope in Christians and which unites them in a fellowship of hope; (4) one Lord — Jesus Christ, who is supreme for all and in all things; (5) one faith — the common means of salvation and of vital union with the Saviour; (6) one baptism — the act of immersion symbolizing for all a common experience of redemption; (7) one God — the Heavenly Father, who is over all as sovereign, working through all, and dwelling in all. The recognition of these sources of unity will help Christians to appreciate their oneness in Christ and grow in love for one another.

## THE FUNCTION OF LEADERS

In the body of Christ there is both unity and diversity. Individuals must grow into Christlikeness before the whole body can grow up to the stature of Christ.

God has given varying gifts to men. But he has designed that in the church there should be spiritual leaders to instruct and guide the Christians. Their function is the perfecting or equipping of the saints. The names in verse 11 are not a list of officers but a list of functions essential to preparing Christians for a ministry of service in order that they may build up the body of Christ.

## THE GOAL OF MATURITY

The goal of Christian growth is attaining the full stature of Christ. Paul doubtless had in mind the church as measuring up to the fulness of Christ's body. This is possible just to the degree that each member measures up to the same size. Here is a daring portrayal of what Christ wants a Christian to be; it is an inspiring picture of the highest ideal of growth.

### HOSPITAL HEAD MAKES REPORT TO TRUSTEES

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital the superintendent, Mrs. Karenza Gilfoyle, included the following facts in her report.

The last three months have been the heaviest in the history of the hospital, with a total of 3,390 patients admitted. During that time there were 385 births and 2,004 surgical procedures (943 of which were major operations).

The Hospital School of Nursing by September will have admitted 100 new students this year, which will be the largest class of student nurses ever admitted to the hospital in one year.

Concerning the new addition to the hospital, two floors of rooms of 56 beds should be opened for use by Jan. 1, 1954. This will be quite welcome space as the hospital has turned away as many as 35 people in one day and usually keeps about 40 people on the "call list." A definite check in and check-out time has been established in order to make the best utilization of rooms.

Furniture for each new room will cost approximately \$350. Sunday school classes, churches, and individuals are urged to help provide the cost of the furniture for these rooms.

Members of the Hospital Board present at the meeting were: D. C. Simmons, Zach Hederman, J. S. Love, Harvey Hedgepath, Pat McMullan, John Stone, Dr. Norman Price, all of Jackson; Rev. Vernon May, Tylertown; Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; and Percy Simpson, Flora. Also present were Mrs. Karenza Gilfoyle, supt., J. T. Grantham, executive Assistant and Dr. Harvey Johnston, President of Medical Staff.

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Covenant Church, Choctaw county, recently held homecoming services with preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Anglin, in the morning service and an afternoon sermon by the assistant pastor,

Rev. Thomas McCaa. The annual revival will begin on July 26, with Rev. Charlie Long of Ethel doing the preaching.

calls for vitality and unity of faith. It demands full knowledge of the Son of God and vital fellowship with him. Paul did not mean a "perfect man" in the sense of one free from fault or guilt but one who is mature or fully grown.

Christians who have thus grown to maturity will be steadfast, not childlike and hence will not be easily swayed by false teaching and swept away into error by the trickery and shrewdness of false teachers or sinful men. Instead,

they will be mature and stable, rightly related to Christ, symmetrically joined together as members of this body, each performing his function properly, and all working together for the growth of the body and its development in love.

### PA IS A PREACHER

BY OWEN GREGORY

Pa is a preacher, the old fashioned kind.

He worked for the Lord to get the folks in line.

More than sixty years ago, he began the Master's work.

To take the Gospel Message to hearts that ache and hurt.

It wasn't fancy pay for preachers way back then.

Sometimes it was butter and eggs and things they could not spend.

With comforting words of Scripture, he laid away the dead, And with the Master's blessing, the young folks he wed.

First he rode a mule to call on country folks.

Then came the model T with all its jerks and jolts.

In the country and in the city, from the delta to the hills, He preached the Gospel Message to cure sinful ills.

Pa's eighty-five now and he has slowed down a bit.

But there's still no better man to give the Devil a fit.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Gregory is the son of Rev. L. F. Gregory).

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### Form Group To Serve Baptist College Youth

GREENLAKE, Wis. —(RNS)— A separate organization to serve Baptist youth on college and university campuses over the country was formed here at the 10th annual National Youth Conference of the American Northern Baptist Convention.

The new organization, called the Baptist Student Movement, will function in close cooperation with Baptist university pastors at institutions of higher learning. The Baptist Youth Fellowship will continue to serve young people whose primary affiliation is with their local congregations.

Robert Schwabe of Euclid, O., a student at Denison University, Granville, O., was elected first president of the new group. Dr. Frank Sharp, director of university pastor and student work for the American Baptist Convention, is its national adviser.

(Editor's Note: This seems to be an organization similar to the BSU work of Southern Baptists).

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### Near The Baptist Hour

Dr. Baker James Cauthen will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour Broadcast on Sunday, July 26. His message will be heard in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.

Stations in Mississippi carrying the broadcast will be:

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p. m.; WDOB, Canton, 5 p. m.; WGLC, Centreville, 1:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 6 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 a. m.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 a. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; and WVIM, Vicksburg.

### Robert E. Lee Preaches At Mt. Zion Revival



REV. ROBERT E. LEE

Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln county, will hold revival services the week of July 26-31.

Rev. Robert E. Lee, former pastor and now pastor of the Bayshore Church in Tampa, Florida, will be the guest preacher. Carnie Smith will lead the singing.

The first day of the meeting will include three preaching services and lunch will be served at the church.

Rev. Elton Barlow is the pastor.

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### Fellowship For Christ Organized At Shelby

An active Fellowship for Christ has been organized at the First Church in Shelby with regular meetings held each Wednesday night following prayer meeting.

The program is devotional, inspirational, and recreational and is sponsored by the church, of which Dr. W. E. Prout is pastor.

The Fellowship grew out of a week of young people's activity with Miss Gaye Holcomb of Hazelhurst and Earl McLeod of Lucedale, the visiting leaders.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

July 27—Junior G. A. Camp, Camp Garaway; Mrs. D. C. Simmons, W. M. U. State Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. N. Sey, Mississippi College faculty.

July 28—R. M. Sumrall, Lamar Association Brotherhood President; Mrs. Tennie Glee Jones, Secretary, Baptist Orphanage; James Rogers, Delta State, B. S. U. State Publicity Chairman.

July 29—Rev. O. C. Chance, Lawrence Associational Sunday School superintendent; Rev. Jimmie Breland, Bolivar Associational Training Union Director; Rev. C. M. Day, Holmes Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

July 30—Rev. Robert Woody, Blue Mountain, State B. S. U. Pastor Adviser; Mrs. Annie Mae Parker, Department of Rural Church Work, Baptist Building; Mrs. R. A. White, Sunflower Associational Training Union Director.

July 31—Dr. L. E. Green, Jeff Davis Associational Organizer of Evangelism; Mrs. R. L. Redell, Warren Associational W. M. U. superintendent; Lyle Corey, Lauderdale Associational Brotherhood president.

August 1—Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, President, Blue Mountain College; Bernice McInnis, Music Department, Baptist Building; Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College faculty.

August 2—Mrs. L. N. Howard, Clarke faculty; J. E. Lane, Baptist Record Mailing Department, Baptist Building; Tracy Herring, Union County Associational Sunday School superintendent.

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## The Story Of Effie Roe Maddox

**Editor's Note:** This is the thrilling story of a great missionary and a great mother. A son, Dr. John R. Maddox, is pastor at Picayune.

Little did Mother and Father Roe realize what a splendid character had come into the world, and how many souls would come to know Jesus as a result of her life, when their first child, Effie, was born in 1882.

They lived near Springfield, Tennessee, 30 miles from Nashville. Their life was the usual life of a farming family of the south, and Effie attended the schools of her community. In due time, God gave three other daughters and two sons to this mother and father. The younger children always loved their elder sister very much, and they seemed to lean upon her decisions and her example to a great extent.

Effie finished high school, and since, in those days, there was no place near to get a higher education, she just continued in the last grade of this school for several years, since she was so desirous of more education. She was excellent in the subjects of Mathematics and English, and, in due time, she was made a school-teacher herself, teaching all of the eight grades in the one room school house as was the custom in those days.

During the time that she was teaching, she was also serving as secretary and organist of her church, Hopewell Baptist Church. Rev. O. P. Maddox, student at the Southern Baptist Seminary, was called to pastor the church on week-ends, and he was to continue his studying at the Seminary during the week. During his pastorate here, he fell deeply in love with the young lady who played the organ. The minister, however, felt that a pastor should not marry one of his own members, so, when he persuaded Effie to be his bride, he resigned his church.

The bride was 22 years of age and the bride-groom was 30. They had a little apartment at the Louisville Seminary, where they both continued their education. Otis, as she fondly called him, accepted another pastorate which did not pay very much, but the members were generous, and, when he returned to the Seminary after each Sunday, Effie would meet him at the door—first, to greet him, and second, to see what nice food stuffs the good church members had loaded him down with this time.

As time drew near for his graduation, it was quite natural that this young couple would begin to seek the place where the Lord would have them spend their lives in His service. They had been interested in mission work and had read quite a bit about Brazil. However, they felt that they were much better prepared to serve in this country, and, as far as their personal desires were concerned, they did not want to go to a foreign country. One Sunday night they decided that it was time to make a final decision with the Lord on this matter. On his desk were several letters from churches

in this country asking him if he could be interested in being their pastor. The couple prayed for many hours. They prayed, "Lord, send us to the hardest field in your country, even New Mexico." But still they did not have the answer. As the hour grew late, they prayed that the Lord would send them wherever He wished. Only then, did they have the answer. They knew that Brazil was the only place for them.

Soon, they were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to go to Brazil as missionaries for life. While they were waiting for passage to be arranged, their first child, Kathleen, was born. She was six months old before they were finally able to sail.

In 1906 they sailed for Brazil, which was at that time an undeveloped country. They landed in Rio de Janeiro after 32 days. Rio is known to be the most beautiful city and also the loveliest harbor in the world.

They lived in this large city about fifteen years. Here their sons Paul, Otis, and Wilson were born. When little Wilson was 9 months old, the missionaries had their first great sorrow, for God took this baby from them. They could not bury their child in the beautiful regular section as only Catholic families could be buried there, so they had to use the outcast part of the cemetery. When the service was over, they noticed a tiny tombstone close by, and saw that the little Bagby child, baby of the very first Baptist missionaries to Brazil, was buried near their own child. They realized that others had suffered sorrow in far away lands.

Effie prayed so earnestly and eagerly that God would give them another child, that when their next little boy was born she named him Samuel. The father and the Christian doctor knelt by Effie's bed and the three of them dedicated this child to the Lord in a very special way. Is it any wonder that Samuel was converted and called to the ministry when he was 6 years old! This seemed such an early age that his father asked him to wait until he was 8 before he was baptized, just to be sure he knew what he was doing. But Sam says until this day that he was converted and called to the ministry at six.

The family moved to Belo Horizonte, a city of about 300,000, which is 300 miles from Rio. Every bit of it was planned before one street was made or one building was started. It is surrounded by mountains and is a very healthy spot. In this lovely place our Baptist work was to have a small beginning and grow to great things.

In this city, as well as in all of Brazil, the Catholics dominate all phases of life. The people are not allowed to have the Bible, and they are taught, actually to worship images. Likewise, all of the schools in this city at that time were Catholic controlled schools. When the children refused to bow to the images, the teachers refused to give them passing grades. Surely, this missionary family could not send their children to

these schools. Effie Maddox told all of the Baptist missionaries there that she would begin a school in her home, since she had had experience as a teacher. Thus, our Baptist school began. Her son, Sam, was the first to enroll.

As time went on, and the enrollment increased. The missionaries heard that an excellent piece of property in an ideal section of town was going to be auctioned off. Oh, how their hearts longed for this property for the Baptist school! They cabled the Foreign Mission Board but the answer was no. There was just enough time for one more exchange of cables, so the missionaries cabled once more saying that if the Baptists ever expected to have a school in Belo Horizonte, this was the time to get the property. The missionaries prayed earnestly, and, alas, the mission board's answer arrived. The money was waiting in Rio.

They dared not get this money from Rio to Belo Horizonte via a check, for then the Catholic bank clerks would suspect that the Baptists were up to something. So, Missionary Maddox bought a round trip second class ticket and boarded the train for Rio, where he got the cash. This way, no check, which the opposition might see, would have to be issued. Certainly he did not want anyone to know that he was traveling with that much money, so a missionary's wife made him a money belt, put the bills in it, and sewed it up. He put the money belt around his waist, and felt quite well padded when he boarded the train for home.

The next problem was that of getting the property. The Catholics were determined not to let the Baptists buy the beautiful location which they wanted for their school. Dr. Maddox secured a lawyer to bid for him at the auction of this property, for, if one of the missionaries started bidding, they were sure to know that it was for the Baptists. Also, some way had to be worked out whereby the money would be on hand at the auction. They decided to put the cash into a little diaper bag, and call to the ministry when he was 6 years old! This seemed such an early age that his father asked him to wait until he was 8 before he was baptized, just to be sure he knew what he was doing. But Sam says until this day that he was converted and called to the ministry at six.

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## Wallace Parham Goes To Virginia Church

Wallace Parham, for three years educational director of Main Street Church in Hattiesburg, has resigned in order to become associate pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va.

The educational program of Main Street Church has made tremendous progress under his leadership and his new duties in Richmond will be largely in the field of education.

He will terminate his duties in Hattiesburg July 31.

from this school, and in 1946, after 2 years service in the United States Navy, was admitted to Baylor University, Waco, Texas. All of his credits from the Baptist school in Belo Horizonte were accepted.

Many persecutions took place. It was not uncommon for a priest to pull a gun on Missionary Maddox, and once, when the family was coming to the states on furlough, they went by way of Portugal for a month's revival. During a street service there a mob gathered round to harm them, but the police rushed up and offered protection. However, when they were all in the home of the missionary where they were staying, tall pieces of furniture had to be placed at all of the doors to keep the mob from breaking in, and every window in the house was broken with stones.

Effie and Otis Maddox retired and came to the States in 1945. They enjoyed being with their children and grandchildren, and it seemed to be a certain satisfaction to them to know that their children had all developed into fine Christian citizens. Their daughter is a school teacher, four sons are Baptist ministers, one a doctor, and one a businessman—all evidences of what a Christian home with daily Bible study and prayer can produce.

However, in time they began to grow homesick for the work in Brazil. The First Baptist Church of Magnolia, Mississippi sent them back to Brazil in October of 1948. There they enjoyed renewing the work for the Master, but nine months later Effie became very ill. Five doctors who examined her suggested that her condition was serious and that her doctor son, Dan, be called to her bedside. Dan convinced his mother that it would be best for her to return to the States.

She went to be with Jesus on Sunday, January 30, 1950.

Eight days after her death Father Maddox wrote a beautiful letter to all of his children. In it he said: "Your Mother was the Greatest Christian I Ever Knew. She was Christlike in prayer; in consideration of others; never speaking evil of anyone; ready always to help anyone, especially the needy; diligent in her home life; unabating in her missionary service. She has played the organ with each of you at different times on her lap, and one on each side."



DR. R. A. TULLOS

Dr. R. A. Tullos, pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, will be the visiting evangelist in the revival at Pleasant Ridge Church in Holmes County July 26-31. Although, the Church is more than 100 years old, it began a full-time program for the first time in April. Rev. Troy B. Land, pastor, has been serving the church since March.

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## OVETT HOLDS REVIVAL

Ovett Church held its summer revival July 12-July 17. Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor of First Church, Monticello, was the evangelist.

The pastor, Rev. Walter McCraw, was in charge of the music. There were 9 additions to the church, 7 for baptism.

The average attendance at the revival services was the highest it had been for a number of years.

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## DR. R. G. LEE IN DURANT REVIVAL

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, was the preacher at the revival recently held at First Church, Durant. There were 36 additions to the church, 25 for baptism.

Daily attendance at the meeting ranged from 800 to 2,000.

Mr. Reid Moore, minister of music, First Church, Jackson directed the choir for the revival, building it to 100 voices.

Rev. C. M. Day is the pastor.

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## Illinois Central Joins Meal Prayer Movement

CHICAGO — The Illinois Central railroad has begun placing prayer cards on tables in dining cars.

A message or prayer by leading Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen is printed on the cards. Each month other clergymen's contributions will be used. On the reverse of the card is a message from Illinois Central President Wayne A. Johnston, which reads:

"Faith in God is the rock on which rests all freedom, progress and brotherly love among the peoples of the world."

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Mrs. L. E. Blackman, Southern Baptist missionary to Hawaii, has returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed temporarily c/o H. L. Anderson, Rt. 5, Liberty, Miss. Mr. Blackman has remained in Hawaii.

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